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**RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Jim Sygo, Director  
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P.O. Box 30246  
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Re: *Comments on the Draft Corrective Action Consent Order between the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and Dow Chemical Company, Midland, Michigan [EPA ID No. MID-000-724-724], as Published for Public Comment on November 9, 2002*

Dear Mr. Sygo:

On behalf of the Regional Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5 (U.S. EPA or the Agency) I submit the attached comments to the State of Michigan on the draft Corrective Action Consent Order between the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and the Dow Chemical Company (Dow), Midland, Michigan [EPA ID No. MID-000-724-724], as Published for Public Comment on November 9, 2002.

U.S. EPA thanks the State of Michigan in advance for its consideration of the Agency's comments and looks forward to a written response from the State of Michigan satisfying or refuting the Agency's comments.

Please contact Greg Rudloff or Karl Bremer at (312) 353-0398 if you have any specific questions concerning the Agency's comments.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by Phyllis A. Reed

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